

## DC CAS 2011 – Parent/Guardian FAQ's

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### When is the DC CAS?

**Answer:** The DC CAS will be administered between April 4 – 14, 2011.

### What happens if my child misses a day of DC CAS testing?

**Answer:** If your child misses a day of testing, he or she will be required to make it up during the planned DC CAS Make-Up testing days. Typically, the make-up days are held during the second week of DC CAS administration. Please check with the main office of your child's school for details.

### What happens if my child needs more time to take the test?

**Answer:** Your child can take as much time as he or she needs to complete each section of the test on the scheduled days. They will be moved to another room (if needed) to complete unfinished section of the test. Your student will not be able to take a break from the test and then return to complete the test.

### How do I get a copy of my child's DC CAS scores? What about last year's scores?

**Answer:** You will receive a copy of your child's 2011 DC CAS scores between late summer to early fall of 2011. If you need a copy of your child's DC CAS scores from last year, please contact the main office of your child's school.

### What is the highest score on the DC CAS test? And how do they impact my child's grades?

**Answer:** Test scores are broken down into 4 levels. The levels are Advanced (the highest), Proficient, Basic and Below Basic (the lowest). The score that your child receives on the DC CAS will not impact your child's grades or GPA. The scores are used to measure how well your child understands grade-appropriate material, measure the effectiveness of school instruction, and monitor the performance of schools and school district.

### What benefit will my child get from taking the DC CAS?

**Answer:** Test results are used to drive instructional planning. Teachers and administrators can better understand what your child needs academically through the reports generated from your child's scores.